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Szentgotthard Silk Factory

1. "The Szentgotthard Silk Factory consists of four buildings opposite the railroad station. It employs 1,000 - 1,200 workers.
2. "Artificial silk fibers are imported mainly from East Germany and Czechoslovakia. Pure silk materials are supplied by the State-controlled silk factories in Tolna, Soroksar and Budapest. All finished products are shipped to Budapest. The bills of consignment do not reveal whether the shipments are destined for export to the USSR or elsewhere. The destination of shipments can be traced only on the original bills of sale. These are handled confidentially by the factory's financial department to which only a few trusted Communist employees have access.
3. "In November 1952 the worker-director of the factory was Kalman Apor, an ardent Communist. The Militia Commander was (fnu) Gaidocs, a former shop-keeper from Budapest. The factory militia numbered 18 men, wearing black uniforms - six on duty at a time (two at the entrance, two in the guard-room, two on patrol).

Szentgotthard Tool Factory

4. "The Szentgotthard Tool Factory is located at the fork of the Raba and Lapics Rivers. It produces agricultural tools, swords and bayonets and fencing equipment (foils and sabres). Many of the weapons are destined for shipment to the Near and Far East [sic]; the scythes, ploughs and fencing equipment are also exported.

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5.

The steel is imported in

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rods weighing 50-100 kg. [redacted] the factory
worked only one daily shift during May and June 1952: normally there are
two daily shifts. [redacted]

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[redacted] the Hungarian steel was of such low quality
that it was no good for their purposes. [redacted] the steel made
in Hungary prior to World War II was as good as any in the world.

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6. "The warehouse manager was (fnu) Deutsch, not a communist. A pre-war engineer,
(fnu) Marosi, was in charge of one of the workshops.

Brick Factory

7. "There is a brick factory in Szentgotthard which employs 30-40 permanent
workers and 180-200 seasonal workers. Since the factory has no drying
installations, it operates almost entirely in the summer."

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